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LOGGING SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP



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| | | Men's | Women's | Mixed | Alumni |
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| Dartmouth College | Hanover, NH | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Colby College | Waterville, ME | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| SUNY ESF | Syracuse, NY | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Finger Lakes Community College | Canandaigua, NY | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Nova Scotia Agricultural College | Truro, Nova Scotia | 2 | 1 | | |
| Paul Smith's College | Paul Smiths, NY | 2 | 1 | | 2 |
| Penn State Mont Alto | Mont Alto, PA | 1 | 1 | | |
| Professional Alumni | North America | | | | 1 |
| Sir Sandford Fleming College | Lindsay, Ontario | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Sterling College | Craftsbury Common, VT | 2 | | | |
| Unity College | Unity, ME | 2 | 1 | | |
| University of Maine | Orono, ME | 1 | 1 | | |
| University of New Brunswick | Frederickton, NB | 1 | | | |
| University of New Hampshire | Hanover, NH | 1 | | | |
| West Virginia University | Morgantown, WV | 2 | | | |
| 42 Teams Total | | 21 | 10 | 1 | 10 |

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 19 Lincoln Hill Pond

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| 8:00 AM | Opening Ceremony |
| 8:05 AM | Singles Canoe Races |
| | Portage Canoe Races |
| | Fly Casting |
| | Team Pulp Toss |
| | Team Log Roll |
| 11:00 AM | Doubles Canoe Races |
| 12:30 PM | Birling Demonstration |
| 2:30 PM | Packboard Relay |

Saturday, April 20 Athletic Field

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| 8:00 AM | Super Swede |
| Singles | Pole Climb |
| Events | Axe Throw |
| | Single Buck |
| | Chain Saw |
| 10:00 AM | Fire build |
| Doubles | Cross cut to hell |
| Events | Standing Block Chop |
| 2:00 PM | Team Cross cut and bow saw |
| 3:00 PM | Triples Splitting and Chopping |

World Champion Professional Competition

12:30- 2:00 PM Saturday, April 20 Athletic Field

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| Divisions: Men | Events: Springboard chop | Double buck |
| Women | Underhand chop | Bowsaw |
| Masters | Single buck | Axe throw |

Authors's Forward

As I touch the keys of my computer, a blood-red sun eases out of a low haze -- framed now by my beloved view of Canandaigua Lake. I feel enervated and very much alive -- renewed really by the very reasons I write this essay. Yesterday, at Tully, New York, my Logging Sports Team accomplished what I did not honestly believe could happen. Since school started up again in late January, I intensified my already total commitment to push forward on preparations for the 50th Annual Spring Meet. I readily admit to my excesses. Pulling off a Spring Meet worthy of the 50th annual repetition of this event has been an off and on obsession for me for the past three years. I told the 20 or so Logging Sports team members and my two assistant coaches at our initial spring semester meeting in January that I expected to be putting much of my available time and energy into the complex task of orchestrating the Spring Meet and the Professional Meet which would happen April 19 and 20. I would not be able to coach as actively as I had in the past; they would have to fill in for themselves what they lacked as a result of my inattention.

A few days before the New York State Championship Logging Sports meet sponsored by SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, I realized how little I had done, compared to other years, to get them ready for this meet. In the process of doing the thousands of things necessary to cause a Spring Meet to happen, I had neglected, among other things, to attend any of their morning practices and even accomplish my usual pre-meet saw and axe tuning sessions. I felt as if we were entering the State Championships cold and was resolved to accept the consequences with as much grace as I could muster. I knew both the Paul Smith's team and the ESF team were strong; I really did not think we had a chance.

More than twenty years of coaching and teaching have given me many of the best moments of my life. The fierce pride, the sense of personal self worth and the raw joy in the flashing eyes of a student who has won against great odds have brought me to tears more than once. Their joy is my joy; their victory is my victory. I am proud of them and feel damn good about myself! The Finger Lakes men and women came home with a large cardboard box filled with trophies -- including the most coveted one for the overall State Championship and the Individual State Championship trophy for the men's division. Coaches and players alike, look forward to the upcoming Spring Meet with an unexpected confidence.

This booklet which has been a large part of my obsession for the past two months will, in rough form, be submitted to the printer tomorrow. I will then be much more free to do what I love best for my team -- coach and to run my Stihl chainsaw. To be perfectly honest, this booklet in whatever form it finally takes was the result of a computer hard disk crash last November. I bought a new computer and decided I needed more than normal incentive to learn how to use it. I have long since learned that holding out for perfection is not good for mental health. In spite of numerous errors of every possible description, for which I alone can take credit, I hope this booklet serves in some small way to further my objective: to promote all aspects of Logging Sports and all of the people associated with this wonderful activity!

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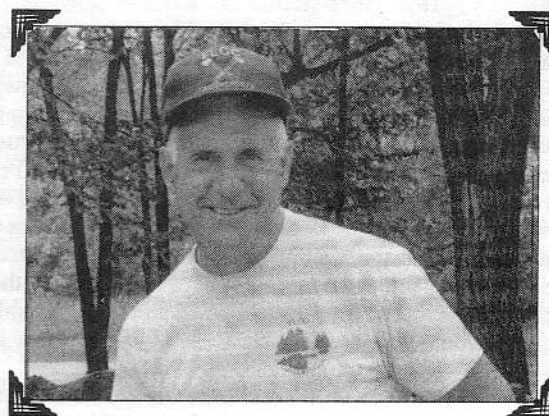
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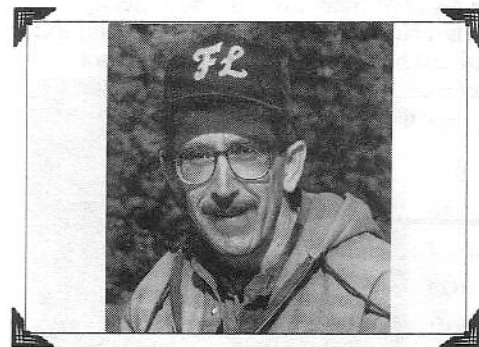
Finger Lakes Community College Logging Sports Coaching Staff

Marty Dodge avoided the impossible task of competing with seven brothers by fading into the forests of Cheshire, Connecticut, at every opportunity. He carried his fascination with axes and chainsaws to Colby College in Waterville, Maine where he found himself as captain and coach of the Colby Woodsmen's team for the four years he attended that school. He is convinced that he never would have made it through his chemistry major had he not experienced the recreation offered by the Outing Club and the Woodsmen's team. As a Colby student and for six years as a Woodsmen's Team coach at FLCC, Marty will admit that the single most prized goal in his life was to win the Spring Meet. The Saturday in April of 1980 when the Finger Lakes women were awarded the overall trophy for the meet hosted by Dartmouth was a wonderful Saturday. Marty holds a graduate degree in Forestry from Utah State University in Logan, Utah and except for a few years as an elementary school science teacher in Thomaston, Maine, and three as a deck watch officer aboard a Coast Guard cutter in Prince William Sound Alaska has spent all of his working life at FLCC as a teacher of Natural Resources Conservation.



Those who know Marty can confirm his love for the work he does. In addition to his courses in Ecology, Environmental Chemistry, Woodlot Management, Nature Interpretation, Wilderness Survival and more than a dozen others, Marty has developed travel study courses to the Florida Everglades, Costa Rica and Alaska. For 28 days this summer, he will with 11 students, study Alaskan Natural history in Prince William Sound, Kenai Fjords, and Denali. When not involved with students, Marty serves as a consulting forester. As well, he designs and builds nature interpretive trails and assembles his trademark chainsaw furniture.

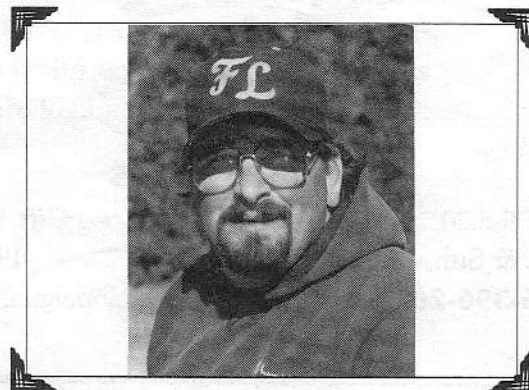
At 53 years of age, Marty competes actively as a professional lumberjack. He holds no records and has won no championships, but will maintain his level of activity as long as he is able. What he brings back from places like Hayward, Wisconsin and Boonville, New York, is a constantly renewed love for the sport. He considers interacting with the people involved in Lumberjacking and the opportunity to learn more about equipment and technique to be his greatest rewards. He demonstrates a strong commitment to the over all sport and will continue to do all he can to promote both the undergraduate and professional levels of the activity.



Steve Varney competed as a Finger Lakes Woodsman when he was a Conservation student in the late 1970's and has for most of his years since then, been employed as the FLCC Carpenter. He has served as assistant coach of the FLCC Logging Sports team for nearly 15 years and must take credit for much of the equipment support needs for the team. Steve has assumed the responsibility of modifying and improving safety equipment which has helped to minimize logging sports accidents. He has true wood working talent. He lives in a beautiful log home of his own construction in Naples, New York. As in the past, he has created all of the trophies for the 50th Annual Spring Meet. Not enough can be said about the value of his talent and commitment to the Logging Sports Team; his quiet humility belies the strength of his support.

Chuck Congdon earned a degree in Criminal Justice from FLCC in 1983. Since then, he has been employed by FLCC's maintenance department and served as an assistant coach for the FLCC Logging Sports Team. Chuck brings a wealth of experience to the team as a former United States Marine Corp physical training instructor. Chuck alone can take credit for the physical conditioning which has been so critical for the recent success of the Finger Lakes woodsmen and women. His program focuses on developing leadership skills within the team structure and provides much more for the people involved than tough muscles and good wind.

Chuck competes on the FLCC Alumni team when he is able. He is truly king of splitting. Most recently on the Alumni team at the Sir Sandford Fleming College meet in November of 1995, he finished first overall by a wide margin -- out of nearly 40 undergraduate and alumni teams.



DEDICATION

Gould Hoyt means more to collegiate Logging Sports activities in Northeastern North America than any other person alive today. In college in the early 40's before SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry was involved in Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Meets, he was an academic class competitor in the College's annual picnics. Again, in Summer Camp against the Ranger School at Wanakena, he competed. Gould felt he was too small to get involved with the "big boys" as a competitor but maintained a strong presence as a woodsman by helping to produce the professional meets at Tupper Lake, New York in the early 50's.

By 1955, Gould had established himself at Paul Smith's College as an instructor of a number of forestry related courses; during that year, he assumed the position as Coach of the Paul Smith's Woodsmen's Teams. In 1957, the Paul Smith's Woodsmen won the spring meet for the first time and continued to win every spring thereafter until 1965. Today, this remains the longest string of consecutive victories in the history of the meet. During Gould's reign as coach, Paul Smith's College has turned out a number of competitors who have continued on as professionals. Matt Bush, a recent graduate, is both a three time winner of the NYS Championship held at Boonville and the 1994 winner of the ESPN Stihl Timbersports Series.

Retirement from his duties at Paul Smith's College in 1992 has not stemmed his enthusiasm for woodsman's activities. Gould still travels to intercollegiate competitions when he can to encourage both undergraduate and alumni teams. Today, his booming voice is the "Voice" of Boonville's Woodsmen's Field Days for the annual NYS Open Championship Woodsmen's Contest in August. Gould Hoyt remains to many hundreds of collegiate logging sports competitors a symbol of dedication and hard work. Gould has always demanded as much from his students and team members as he demands from himself and by so doing has always commanded a deep respect from all with whom he comes in contact. His love of logging hand tools and traditional horse logging methods are carried into the future by all who know him well.



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PREFACE

The 50th Annual *anything* deserves some kind of special attention. Four or five years ago, the Woodsmen at Finger Lakes Community College saw the possibility of their institution sponsoring this historic 50th anniversary of the Woodsmen's Meet. At the traditional captain's meeting at the 48th Annual Meet at Colby College, the captains voted to accept the Finger Lakes Community College bid to host the meet in 1996. We will do the very best we are able to honor the significance of this event and fulfill our obligation to put on a good meet.

The first contest held at Storr's Pond near Dartmouth College in 1947 developed out of conversations between John Rand, Director of the Dartmouth Outing Club, Bill Robes of Kimbal Union Academy and Ross McKenny the DOC's woodcraft advisor. An informal competition would for those involved resurrect the connection with skills needed to survive in the woods. Three schools participated in the first competition: Dartmouth, Kimbal Union Academy and Williams College.

The annual meet grew quickly in stature and excitement. Paul Smith's College and the University of Maine joined the event in 1949. Under the spirited leadership of Gould Hoyt and with saws tuned by the legendary John Carney, the PSC teams won the meet for nine consecutive years from 1958 through 1966.

The first alumni team competed in 1972. The first women's team competed in 1973. Dartmouth graduates, Jim Taylor and Putt Blodget, spurred the Dartmouth women onto victory in 1976; the Dartmouth men won in 1978. Finger Lakes Community College entered the competition for the first time in 1974 with a ragtag team of six men and a collection of axes and saws garnered from local yard sales. Thrashed soundly by both men's and women's teams, these six men and their coach, Marty Dodge - who had competed for the Colby College team from 1962 through 1965 - retreated to regroup. Under the wings of several very colorful alumni, the men from University of Maine dominated the field in the 70's. The Finger Lakes Women won their division in 1980, the FLCC men won for the first time in 1983. Since 1980, both the women and the men from FLCC have won 9 times and remains strong contenders today. Jim Lyons, coach of the Pinkerton Academy team from Derry, New Hampshire assembled winning teams in 1989 and again in 1992. It was in 1992 that Pinkerton edged out a very spirited team of FLCC men by less than one point out of more than 1500. A men's team from SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry pulled ahead of the Finger Lakes men at the 1995 Dartmouth contest by a narrow margin. Both the men and the women from ESF have had substantial success in the Fall of 1995 and enter the 50th Annual event from a position of great strength. Two of the men and two of the women on these teams are graduates of the FLCC Logging Sports Program.

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Ruth Legg, who will serve as one of our announcers, has been deeply involved in the presentation of public speaking and communications programs at Finger Lakes Community College for 26 years. It has been her nature to seek involvement in both College and community activities. She has been an elected leader and a spokesperson for Faculty organizations for most of the years she has dedicated to FLCC.

Ruth has not missed a single home based Logging Sports event since the team was established in 1974. She has served as judge for many of the events and has in the process braved the traditionally rotten weather for each of the FLCC home meets. She was so completely mud spattered from a soggy pulp toss session in 1991, that she had to hang her clothes up in the garage before she could step into her home.

Here is a person who loves adventure and relishes the concept of rolling up her sleeves and digging in. She is a golf nut, a mountain trail hiker and a true outdoors person.

Dave Engasser joined the Finger Lakes Logging Sports team in the fall of 1989 and returns now to serve as head judge for the 50th Annual Meet. The spring of his graduation in 1991, he competed with Dave Jewett and four other men on one of the strongest teams ever fielded by FLCC. They finished nearly 300 points ahead of the second place team. Dave competed in one professional meet over the summer of 1990; in 1995, he entered 24 Lumberjack shows. He has won the overall at several meets and has placed in the top 10 at Boonville. 1996 will be his best year yet! Dave approaches the activity in an analytical way. He constantly experiments with technique and equipment and is quick to ask for tips from more experienced competitors. Dave is very active in the NYS Lumberjacks Association and an active promoter of the sport.

There is in Dave's estimation a strong growth in Logging Sports. The number of competitors in the NYS Lumberjacks Association competitions has nearly tripled in the past four or five years. A substantial part of this growth results from increased participation of women.

Tina Sheer, as our primary announcer, brings a rich legacy of Logging Sports experience to the 50th Annual Spring Meet. Tina was born and raised in the Northwoods community of Hayward, Wisconsin. Little did she know that her log rolling lessons starting at the age of seven would develop into her lifelong career.



At 35, Tina maintains a full schedule of promoting and competing in Logging Sports. She is today the country's premier Logging Sports announcer. Since 1992, she has announced the ESPN Stihl series finals and has called for many of the qualifying shows. She has announced at the Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward for five years and has called for hundreds of shows through out the Midwest.

Australians and South Africans are familiar with Tina both as a logging sports promoter and competitor. Her log rolling and crosscut sawing in Australia have propelled her into the winner's circle numerous times.

Tina competes now with Dave Jewett, the current all around lumberjack of the world. Together, they have won many contests. They will square off against each other at the 50th Annual Spring Meet in a birling contest on Lincoln Hill Pond at high noon on Friday, April 19.

Tina has been tireless and highly effective in promoting the role of women in the traditionally all male lumberjack sports arena. Tina's efforts established women's underhand chopping and single-hand crosscut sawing events at the World Championships in Hayward in 1994. She has established the first ever Women's Logging Sports Exhibition at Grand Rapids, Michigan in March of 1996. Starting in the summer of 1996, Tina's newest venture, a premier lumberjack show and log rolling school permanently sited in Bar Harbor, Maine, will certainly enrich the lives of thousands of the Down East residents and tourists.

"Timber Tina" will add much to the historic 50th Annual Spring Intercollegiate Logging Sports Championship at FLCC as announcer for both the undergraduate and professional competitions. As well, she will arrive with axe and saw in hand to participate with the "Wild Women of the Woods" alumni team with several other professional Women's Logging sports contestants.

Gary Hammond is not at all Tiny but for some reason that is what everyone calls this outgoing, friendly, big-hearted and very enthusiastic individual. When he found himself stranded in the city of Syracuse in 1986, a poster suggesting that the SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry Woodsmen's team would put trees back into his life, he joined. In Logging Sports activities, Tiny has found his personal fulfillment. He loves to compete; he loves to improve his personal best and above all he loves the people associated with the sport. Nowhere in Tiny's words can you find a better bunch of folks. There is a warm comraderie and a true willingness to share techniques and experiences. In spite of the ferocious head to head competition that explodes with the starting gun, everyone remains friendly toward one another.

Gary has already become recognized as one of the premiere Logging Sports announcers in the Northeast. He started his MC career at the annual ESF barbeque and was selectd to stand alongside the legendary Gould Hoyt at the Boonville Championships. He has become the commentator of choice for the Women's World Championship Lumberjill show at Boonville. His quick wit, kind sense of humor, savvy of the events and equipment allow him to delight the Logging Sports crowds.

Gary himself is an accomplished competitor who has continued to improve dramatically since he entered the professional ranks a few years ago. He and Cliff Vroman hold the world record crosscut time on 10" x 10" white pine. He has earned the overall Trophy for The New York State Lumberjacks Association meets numerous times. Tiny is currently the president of this Association and in this capacity has done a tremendous amount to advance the sport both for the competitors and the growing crowds of spectators. He has been delighted with the growth of the Association meets and delighted to see the rapid increase in women's participation.

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As consistent as the event has been, its name has not. A few years ago the term "Woodsmen" came under fire as inappropriately gender specific. Less than a year ago, we at FLCC adopted the term "Timbersports" to replace the name "Woodsmen's Team". A short while ago, we learned that the manufacturers of Stihl chain saws had coined the word "Timbersports" in 1985 and legally registered this as a trade mark. We are not as happy with the sound or connotations of the term "Logging Sports" but that is our new name and the name of the 50th Annual Meet.

Two concerns have become central as plans for the 50th developed: the importance of the positive relationship between the undergraduate and the professional ranks of logging sports and the equal recognition of women in the activity both as undergraduates and as professionals. As part of the traditional weekend, the 50th repetition of the event, a small number professional men, women and masters are competing in separate events for equal prize money. This invitational contest will occur over the noon hour Saturday April, 20. We are taking extraordinary measures to insure that all parts of this contest flow on schedule.

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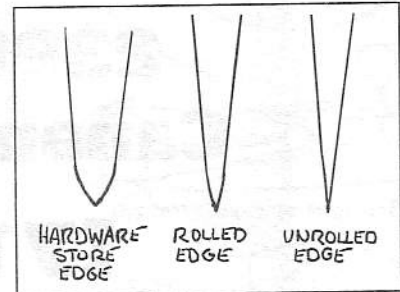
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AXES, SAWS, PEAVIES AND PADDLES

Logging sports celebrate the history of human powered tools. Lumberjacks of yesteryear took great pride in their skill with axes and saws. Then and now the individual who appreciates good quality tools and takes the time to perfect techniques derives a deep joy in using them. The purpose of the next few paragraphs is to share with the reader a small bit of the lore and fascination associated with a few of the logging sports hand tools.

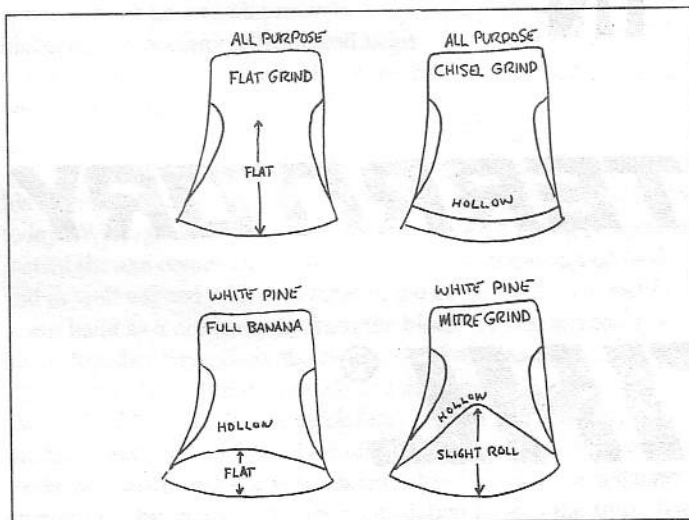
Today, the hardware store axe is an abomination. The stunt cutting edge is thick enough to slam into stones with little ill effect. Such axes are intended to stand this kind of abuse, but are barely able to cut even the softest of wood. There is little joy in using such brutish equipment. A finely ground, honed and polished competition axe is a thing of extreme beauty; beauty not only to behold but also beauty to use. With even a gentle swing, a fine axe bites deeply into soft wood and then pops right out almost under its own power in its appetite for the next blow. Passing through the heart of a ten inch pine log in half a dozen hits leaves the accomplished axeman with a raw sense of satisfaction.



Today's quality competition axes are manufactured of hard but resilient steel. These can be ground to an astounding thinness and are still able stand up to the shock and stress of being driven into clear soft wood free of knots or other blemishes. The price of a top quality hand finished axe falls between \$180 and \$300. The slightest misuse of such a tool or an encounter with a hidden knot results in disaster to the cutting edge. Almost everyone who plays this game has come up from a block with a sickening ripple in or even big chunks missing from the business edge of his or her axe. Repairing such damage is as much of an art as grinding the axe in the first place and today, costs about half as much as a new axe - unless you are equipped to do the grinding and finishing yourself.

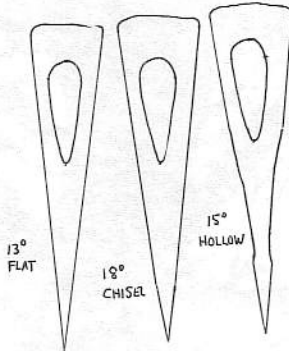
Beginning choppers are really tough on axes. On the collegiate level the most common cause of axe damage is the frequent glancing off the scarf into the protective foot gear or worse, through the rubber mat into the steel bolts in a standing block stanchion. Practice chopping axes become shorter of bit and thicker as accumulated damage is ground away; ultimately, they are demoted to the status of practice splitting axes.

Different wood calls for axes of different bit configurations. Arden Cogar Jr. in the 1994 edition of *North American Axeman's News* offers solid suggestions for a tremendous variety of woods found both in North America and the Down Under countries (Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania). You can tell when an axe is right for a certain block both by the sound the bit biting into the wood and the ease by which chips are blown free. There remains a sizable element of mystique and art to configuring axes. This and the variability of wood and chopping techniques creates equally variable opinions among choppers.



The anatomy of the axe head can run anywhere from a completely flat grind, through various chisel configurations to the full banana grind. Paddy Steavenson of Hayward, Wisconsin, perhaps one of the best axe sculptors alive today, maintains a meticulous uniformity both to the blade angle from poll to bit and a true plane from the toe to the heel of the bit itself. Many axes that work really well have a slight (.003" to .010") hollow grind starting anywhere from a half inch to three inches behind the cutting edge. You can see this hollow on a good axe by holding a steel straight edge across the axe from the bit to the poll. Sensitive fingers can feel the hollow grind; reflected light illuminates it as well. Paddy feels that it is very important for the initial depression of this feature to be abrupt.

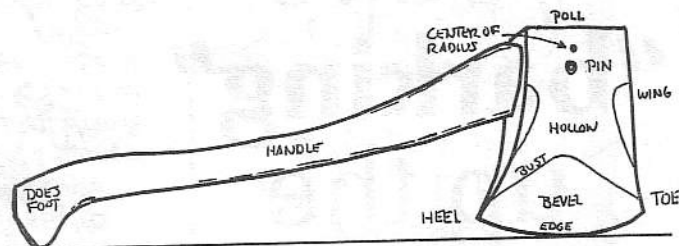
The blade angle which can be created by pivoting a belt sander side to side from a point located at the radius of the arc defined by the bell or curve of the axe (see the illustration) can be as thin as 13 degrees. An angle of much less than 13 degrees would require most axes to have a narrower eye hole and would certainly result in immediate edge disasters on all but melon soft white pine. Arden Cogar Jr. recommends grinds from 14 to as much as 16 degrees for different species of wood. A practice axe might have as much as an 18 to 20 degree grind to withstand all manner of knots and frozen blocks.



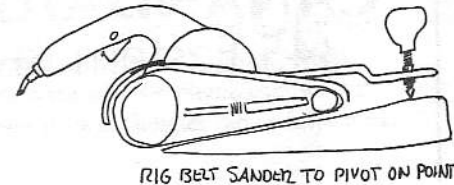
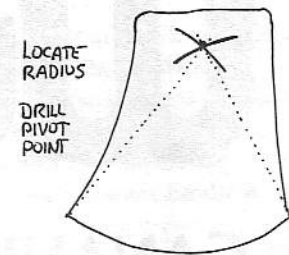
The edge of the axe created by two planes intersecting at 13 degrees is thinner than the edge of most kitchen knives and will not stand up to anything but the softest of white pine. To strengthen the edge and according to some axemen, to prevent the axe from sticking, it is necessary to roll the edge with a finishing stone. This is an exacting procedure and if overdone can turn a good axe into a club. A college chopper once caused a nick to happen in one of our best Tuatahi

white pine axes. To avoid embarrassment, he spirited the axe away and took a stone to the edge. He removed the nick well enough but left the beginnings of a hardware store edge which penetrated less than half as far as the undamaged axe. A good roll can be accomplished with a fine stone passed lightly along the arc of the edge from toe to heel at an angle of not much greater than the blade angle. Great care should be taken to maintain the same amount of roll on both sides of the axe.

The handle of an axe demands attention as well. Length is a personal thing and certainly dependent upon the length of one's body. Twenty eight to 30" total length with somewhat less than that as the effective length due to the swelling of the grip seems to work best for most choppers. Seasoned, clean, straight grained shagbark hickory is the best wood in the world for axe handles. The grain pattern must run parallel to the plane of the axe head. A handle must be straight - without warp or twist. The handle must be in perfect alignment with the bit of the axe and hung so that the middle of the bell of the axe and bottom of the doe's foot touch a flat surface at the same time. Most axemen believe the handle should be quite flat from side to side and that it should be thin enough to give a bit if spring to a stroke. A light application of linseed oil prevents hickory from becoming brittle and helps to resist the tendency for handles to warp while in storage.



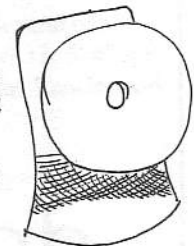
It is difficult to come up with consensus on the best way to swing an axe. Dave Jewett of Pittsford NY has in his own quest for improving technique, has collected and studied video footage of many of the world class axemen alive today. With notable exceptions, a successful axe swing is a graceful, apparently relaxed and continuous motion from the instant the axe comes free from one blow until the next one lands. The axe should come up from the scarf as close to and as well aligned with the center of the of the body as possible. Most choppers slide the axe handle up through the lower hand as it comes away from the block. A few incredibly strong and successful axemen like Matt Bush keep both hands together throughout the swing, however. As the poll of the axe comes up past the choppers nose, the upper body straightens a bit out of the crouch and the arms with hands still separated on the handle reach up and out in a position akin to 10:00 or 11:00 on a clock face. At this point the outward swing begins with the upper hand still separated from the hand on the doe's foot. This allows much greater leverage on the initial acceleration. The stationary grip hand then feeds the axe through the upper hand grip to the point of full extension of body and arms. At this instant - best exemplified by freeze frame shots of Melvin Lentz - the entire body tucks down and in. A long arc is defined by the axe



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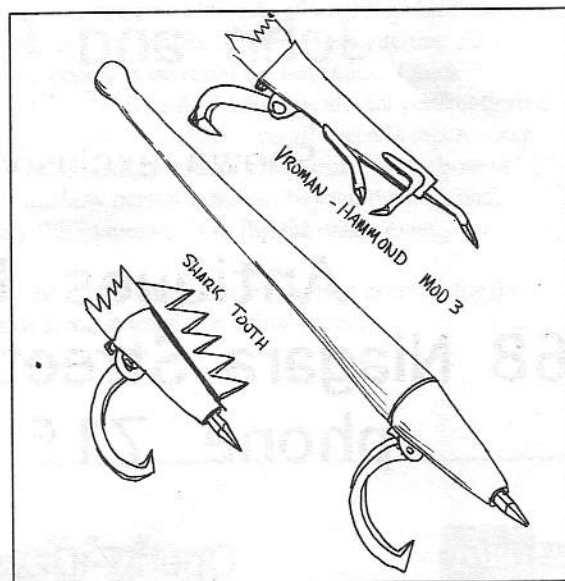
One of the best production peg and raker cross cut saws made was the Simonds 503. Finger Lakes Community College obtained a seven foot 503 in 1978 before the M-tooth saws came on the college scene. Cut down to five feet and tuned carefully as suggested by Ernie Vroman, this already stiff and heavy saw took 25 consecutive first place finishes in the collegiate circuit. The SUNY ESF team obtained an M-tooth at this point and handed FLCC a devastating defeat. For a period of time, there was feeling that the M-tooth saws should be banned from the collegiate circuit as most schools could not afford to purchase them. Today, most schools do have M-tooth saws. A good quality Tuatahi saw runs about \$600. Clifford Vroman, Gaston Dupere, Jean-Pierre Mercier and Jim Taylor are able to command a price of anywhere from \$1000 to \$1500 for the new generation peg and raker saws. Today, even these saws are finding their way into collegiate equipment lockers.

The new generation peg and raker saws have deep gullets between very closely spaced rakers and the cutter teeth. The cutter teeth are split into a single or double pair at the tip which gives tremendous stiffness to the tips and prevents them from changing set during spirited operation. The rakers have a carefully contoured swage which lifts strings of wood efficiently out of the kerf and causes them to roll up into the gullets. Beveled gullets dump this spaghetti-like material quickly when the gullets pass out of the cut as the saw is drawn away from the log

Successful operation of the crosscut saw requires strength, speed and flawless technique. The saw must pass completely back and forth across the cant to bring all of the teeth into action. Any deviation from level or from perfect alignment with the kerf will slow progress. The sawyers must have feet far enough apart and be flexible enough at the waist to keep the saw handle in the power zone. Drawing the saw too far back past the body on the pull or extending the arms too far away from the body on the push reduces the effective pressure and thus sawing speed. Most good sawyers use spikes, cleats or carefully positioned boards to prevent feet from sliding out of place during saw operation. In the end, success with the crosscut saw requires a coordinated blend of the talent of two persons. Some folks saw well together, others do not.

PEAVIES

What might appear to be a simple tool really did make life ever so much easier for the pre-mechanized lumberjack. In 1857, Joseph Peavey invented the revolutionary tool which bears his name today. In one form or another, a dry land log rolling event has been a part of every spring competition since 1947. For this exercise, the peavey has been the tool of choice. A really stout hickory handle driven into a steel ferrule equipped with a point at the tip and a large hook which pivots at right angles to the wooden staff define this implement. The thing is a lever and really does move logs with great efficiency. But look at the modifications which appear; each represents one person's concept of improvement. Bend the point, contour the point and the hook, add a prong between the point and the pivoting hook or weld a series of steel shark's teeth to the back side of the ferrule. Perhaps the one of the most innovative logging sports tool manufacturers, Clifford Roman, has added even more appendages to the stock peavey to maximize its ability to horse a log not only forwards but backwards as well.



Rolling a log with a peavey, like the crosscut saw event is for pairs of persons. Success here requires a quickness of response and a fine application of technique. Every log has its own personality. Strong taper, bends or other irregularities will cause a log to roll in a direction other than straight. Correcting the direction of roll to meet the stakes at the end of the course must be accomplished by shifting rolling force to one end of the log or the other or by jockeying the log around with the peaveys. Instant communication and coordination between partners is crucial in this contest.

PADDLES

The woodsman of yesteryear found quiet joy in the use of his canoe. Today, the canoe remains a symbol of an idyllic and peaceful life. Few experiences offer as much a sense of relaxation as do moments gliding over the placid waters of an unspoiled pond. Canoeing can easily become one of those lifetime activities. Many of us yearn for any opportunity to launch these gentle craft.

Racing with a canoe requires many of the same technique as a quiet solo paddle but is hardly as relaxing. The Spring Meet most often includes three different races; a one person obstacle course, a two person obstacle course and a portage course which may or may not include maneuvering around buoys. For the meet, canoes must be a minimum of 15 feet in total length. The only restriction on paddles is that they be single bladed. Space age plastics and lamination technology have changed the face of canoeing over recent years. Both canoes and paddles have become lighter and much more expensive. Success in the canoeing events is as dependent upon good equipment as it is on good technique. For both the singles and doubles courses which require extensive sharp turning, a wide shallow draft craft without much of a keel is faster than a narrow boat with any form of keel. The singles race seems fastest with a 15 foot canoe; a 17 foot canoe seems better for the doubles race as these ride higher in the water and are faster on the straight than a shorter model. The lightest canoe with fast hull lines (long and narrow) yield best results in the portage race. Unfortunately, this race is so hard on equipment, most schools are reluctant to use light, fragile and expensive models. Portage canoes typically sport great dents, patch holes and bent thwarts from the bouncing and pounding they take in the portage experience. In any of the races, a canoe with high hulls and thus grater sail area are at a distinct disadvantage should conditions be windy. If wind speeds pick up much above 15 miles per hour, the light canoe without a keel loses all of its advantage.

Shorter shafted, high leverage paddles work best for the double race. Longer paddles seem more efficient for both the singles and portage races. The bent shafted paddles which add efficiency to a marathon, straight course race do not seem to help much on any of the typical races conducted in the spring meet.

Successful singles and portage paddling technique for these races seems a bit crude. Switching sides every few strokes for all but the very experienced paddler is faster than using the "C" stroke and thus not switching sides. Tight control in turns which keeps the canoe close to the buoys and on course is essential for fast times. Quick acceleration off turns can be accomplished by shortening the stroke cadence. The doubles race calls for perfect timing and coordination of both paddlers. If both pull together and apply turning force together, overall speed is much faster. Turns are faster if both the bow and stern person apply paddle force as far away from the pivot center of the boat as possible. You can see clearly how much faster a canoe spins when the bow person leans out beyond the bow and cranks the paddle across the bow plane. You can also see how likely this maneuver is to flip the canoe over.

There is no such thing as pacing one's self in a canoe race. At one hundred and ten percent exertion for the entire race the total time is significantly faster than attempting to save some strength for a final sprint.

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What About Safety?

If you think logging sports are dangerous, you are right. One is hard pressed to come up with an activity that uses more different kinds of potentially lethal equipment. It is a bit morbid to think that part of the spectator appeal of the activity is the opportunity to witness people putting themselves at risk of serious injury. Very few competitors -- collegiate or professional -- can say that they have never been injured.

No one under any circumstances who has not had training and a fund of experience should ever attempt to use competitive Logging Sports equipment in any kind of a "race" situation. Potential collegiate competitors often have no experience with axes, saws, chain saws, tree climbing equipment, or with operations in the forest. Without a methodical accumulation of training and experience, they do put themselves at risk. In today's liability-conscious society, there is no alternative for any institution sponsoring a Logging Sports Team but to pursue every possible way to minimize injury. The incidence of injury at Finger Lakes Community College has been very low. Even very minor scratches must be reported to the safety office. Each accident is reviewed and if preventive measures can be taken to prevent similar future occurrences, they are.

Any student using an axe for splitting or chopping must wear foot and shin protection which is adequate to stop a glancing axe. The aluminum foot guards available from Logging Sports suppliers should be modified to include a solid plate underneath the sole of the foot to provide protection from axes coming up from below. Beginning choppers with less than sharp practice axes and often rough, small diameter wood experience frequent glancing blows which slam into the metal foot guards. The older aluminum guards look as if someone hit them repeatedly with a meat cleaver. The standing block chop and very similar tree felling events put axemen at the greatest risk. If an axe glances off the block on a down swing, it can ricochet off the scarf and shoot right into a choppers leg. Total protection from above the knee all the way to the foot with high impact space age plastic guards or a section of fireplace screen is essential if this risk of injury to the inside leg is to be minimized.

Too many minor cuts result from careless handling of both axes and saws. Axes should remain covered with a sheath or remain in a box until they are brought out immediately before use. Saws, too, should remain in some form of scabbard or box until immediately before use.

Axes should all contain a pin which passes through the axe eye and the handle to prevent the head from flying off the handle during use.

Any chainsaw user without leg protection, a hard hat, and adequate ear and eye protection can be considered a fool. Protective gloves and boots are strongly recommended. It is encouraging to see that sponsors of chainsaw events require professional competitors to use eye and leg protection.

Possible injury to bystanders can be minimized by establishing positive barriers between spectators and competitors. Elevated awareness of all participants and spectators alike is essential.

Professional competitors have much greater control over their equipment than beginners. Very few professionals use any kind of foot protection in the chopping events. They maintain that protective gear restricts their performance too much to consider using. A few of the more intelligent pros have devised and do use protective gear that works and does not appreciably inhibit their performance. A few wear shin guards for felling events and the standing block and spring board chop. A few wear chopping sneakers with a length of quarter inch aircraft cable along the inside edge of the sole. This cable, imbedded in shoe-goo, leaves flexibility in the sneaker and will stop a glancing axe.

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Ours is a complicated and troubled world. Today we will add 15 million tons of carbon to the atmosphere, lose 115 square miles of rain forest, create 72 square miles of desert, erode 71 million tons of top soil, lose between 40 and 100 species and increase our population by 263,000 individuals. Technological man has run squarely into the failure of the planet to sustain either the resources taken from it or the wastes discarded in its air, on the land or in its water. Humanity seems to have lost a sense of place in the natural world and any sense of connection to the ecological processes that might sustain us. Our current political and educational systems are failing to change this self destructive course of events. Popular slogans such as "You can have it all" or "Your world should know no limits" will become tombstone inscriptions for the species that was man.

If there is a future for us, it lies in the reconnection of humanity to the natural systems that sustain us and all other living things. This will require that many more people become ecologically literate and that they develop the manual skills to live well with the land. We must gain an appreciation for, even a reverence of, the land and all of the living things it is able to support. We must learn to live more simply; we must become less dependent upon resources shipped in from afar and much more dependent upon those renewable resources available from our immediate environment.

Logging Sports activities offer an opportunity for a strong connection to a sustainable lifestyle. The use of logging hand tools reached a peak in the years when folks were much closer to nature. There is a real sense of history as one fells a tree with an axe or a hand saw. Students drawn to logging sports have a strong preference for working out off doors and typically have developed a love for natural settings. Many logging sports participants are enrolled in natural resources, wildlife, forestry, or environmentally related educational programs. These curriculae are multidisciplinary and produce graduates with understanding of a broad range of natural processes. Many of these programs include development of actual skills for resource stewardship.



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Logging Sports activities require direct management of forest resources. Real wood most often in tree form is chopped, sawn, split or otherwise fragmented during the course of skill development. The vast majority of the wood used for this purpose comes from tree farms that were planted with many more trees per acre than the acre could mature. Those trees that are mishapen, forked, storm damaged or otherwise defective are removed over time to allow space for better trees to expand. Finger Lakes Community College Logging Sports teams have, since 1974, improved more than 150 acres of trees in this manner. Several of these stands of trees are considered by some, the most beautiful forests on the properties involved. Most of the logs subjected to Logging Sports practice end up in a fire wood pile. The nature of Logging Sports requires that participants be involved not only in skill development on the playing field but also in harvest and transportation of practice wood, maintenance of axes, saws, vehicles, and other equipment, and administration of the the total activity. Few college experiences can offer as solid an opportunity for development of leadership qualities and team playing skills. A Logging Sports squad at most institutions develops into a strong social support group, the effectiveness and positive value of which extends far beyond the field of play.

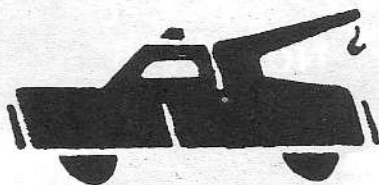
Compared to other athletic opportunities, there are relatively few people who participate. There are very few high schools that support a Logging Sports team and in all of North America, less than 70 colleges that have active programs. Provided one has talent, motivation, good equipment and solid coaching, it is possible to become relatively proficient in a short time. The value of excelling at any activity is well recognized. The growth in self esteem and development of a strong and well deserved pride in ones accomplishments might be the most valuable result of this activity.

Let us not imply that people who participate in logging sports are going to save the world. Let us say rather, that young men and women who care about the natural world, have developed the knowledge and skills to act on its behalf are in a unique position to become participating and effective citizens in the necessary transition to a sustainable society.



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